

Holden Municipal Light Department

Stray Voltage Investigation - UPDATE September 19, 2014

- Since we issued the notice on September 4, we have taken the following actions:
 - A Professional Engineer from an electrical engineering firm met with us to review the matter, the actions we have already taken and visited the area involved; and
 - Arranged for a licensed electrican to visit the area.
- With the exception of one location, low levels of stray voltage being detected are in the 1 volt range. At the one location, which measures below 3 volts, additional grounding protection has been installed.
- We have conducted additional reviews of various information available on stray voltage and learned that the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities has determined that stray voltage levels above 8 volts are of concern and warrant action by the local electric utility. It conducted an extensive review of the topic in 2005.